

## **Delaware Valley Parent Empowerment Fair 2004 Program**

### **Opening Remarks**

<b>11:10 AM</b> .....	Who We Are Stephanie Robinson, PA PIRC Director
<b>11:20AM</b> .....	Unity in Education: Doug Henderson, WDAS Radio Announcer
<b>11:30 AM</b> .....	Building a Bridge between Hopelessness and Hope: Ron Houston, Delaware Title One Director

*Note: The program is structured so parents will have the opportunity to:*

- (1) Listen to a 30 minute panel discussion with a 10 minute question and answer period pertaining to the following topics:*

*Overview of NCLB  
School Choice  
Free Tutoring/Supplemental Services  
Parent Involvement Strategies, Practices, and Models*

- (2) Take part in an interactive village to exchange information with parents and ask experts additional questions pertaining to the aforementioned topics, including a village that will focus on school community support, and*

- (3) Interact on a one-on-one basis with information booth representatives.*

**12:00 PM**

### **Hold On to Your Dreams/NCLB Panel Discussion**

**Moderator:** *Michele J. Doughty, New Jersey Statewide Coordinator*

**Panelists:** *Felicia Harris, PA Statewide Coordinator*

*Karen Campbell, NJ School Improvement Coordinator*

*Ron Houston, DE Title I Statewide Coordinator*

*Wilhelmina Holder, NJ Secondary Parent's Council*

**1:00 PM**

### **Performance**

*Carson Whitter Enrichment Academy*

**1:15 PM**

### **Parent Empowerment Day**

*Mayor John Street*

**2:00 PM**

### **Performance**

*Falun Gong Dance and Exercise Demonstration*

**2:15 PM**

### **My School of Choice Panel Discussion –**

**Moderator:** *Keisha Hegamin, Black Alliance for Educational Options*

**Panelists:** *Sharie Neal, Home Schooling; Tonita Helley, Recruitment Associate, A Better Chance; Alice Heller, Executive Director of EMOs and Charter Schools, School District of Philadelphia; Jeanmarie Dunn-Kane, Director, Education Children & Youth Committee, GPUAC*

**3:00 PM**

### **Performance**

*Local Drill Team*

**3:15 PM**

**Free Tutoring/Supplemental Services/Afterschool Programs**

**Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Taj Reid, JD Director, Philadelphia YET Initiative,  
Public/Private Ventures**

*Panelists: Leigh Hopkins, M.Ed., Director of Education Initiatives,  
Public/Private Ventures; William H. Richardson, M.Ed., After-School  
Consultant, Academic Coach, Public/Private Ventures; Pastor Carol  
Kendrick, Salvation Army Afterschool Coordinator*

**4:00 PM**

**Performance**

*Franklin Institute PACTS Program - Robotics Demonstration*

**4:15 PM**

**Parent Involvement Strategies, Methods, and Models Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Stephanie Robinson, PA PIRC Director**

*Panelists: Michele J. Doughty, NJ State Coordinator; Felicia Harris, PA  
State Coordinator; Frances Bryce, Parents as Teachers Model Supervisor;  
Brad Baldia, Community Organizer*

**5:00 PM**

**Performance**

*The Traci Hall Company*

**5:15 PM**

**The Bill Cosby Debate: Parents in the Hot Seat**

**Moderator: Michael Coard, Attorney and WHAT 1340 AM  
Talk Show Host**

*Panelists: Lucille IJoy, Certified Family Therapist; Nathaniel Norment, Jr.,  
Chair of Temple University African-American Studies Department; Cheryl  
Ann Wadlington, Director, Evolver Personal Development Program;  
Carlton A. Payne, Ph.D., Christopher Sample, Community Affairs Director  
for Philadelphia District Attorney's office; Bilal Qayyum, Founder, Father's  
Day Rally Committee; Jordan Harris, Student Leader at Millersville  
University; Toni Blackman, U.S. Hip-Hop Ambassador*

## **Descriptions of the (Interactive) Information Villages**

### **Hold On To Your Dreams/NCLB Village**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Michele J. Doughty, NJ Statewide Coordinator will serve as the lead facilitator of this panel and village. She will focus on how states, districts and schools can support parents with information such as notifications, school report cards, written parent policies, school-parent compacts, parents' right-to-know, and Section 1118-building capacity for parental involvement, etc. The concept of holding on to a dream is that **all parents** hold a dream about their children. Note: Parents will also have the opportunity in this village to take part in a discussion pertaining to **Communities of Color: The Achievement Gap between Us** from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and learn about the Philadelphia Core Curriculum from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

### **My School of Choice Village**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

This village will provide parents with basic information pertaining to: Charter schools, Private schools, Home schooling, and district schools, etc., including information about important application procedures and dates and numbers to remember. (The leadership of this village will be the responsibility of Sharie Neal (Home schooling), Keisha Hegamin and Alicia Wright (District Schools, Charter Schools, and Private Schools).

### **Free Tutoring / Supplemental Education Village**

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Find out about local after-school providers and get your questions answered at the Free Tutoring/SES Village. In this village, connect with local state approved providers, obtain information about their programs and participate in workshops that will help you understand your rights as a parent.

### **Parent Involvement Strategies, Practices, and Models Village**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

This village will focus on research based parent involvement strategies, practices and models, such as the Parents as Teachers Model. It will also focus on parent organizing and how to increase parent involvement within school communities. Parents will also learn how they can join such groups as the Coalition of Title One Parents, Home and School Councils, State Parent Advisory Councils, BAEO, HCREO, Home School Associations and Support Groups, Young Fathers Rising, Fatherhood Leadership Support Groups, etc.

### **School Community Support Village**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

According to Ron Paige, Secretary of Education, the answers to all of the problems associated with schools are housed in the community. Parents will find everything from grief support to afterschool programs housed in this village. Throughout the day, representatives from the Franklin Institute will demonstrate what they are learning and how they are keeping busy.

### **List of Information Booths (categorized by villages)**

#### **Hold on to Your Dreams/NCLB Village**

1. Songhai Press/Core Curriculum
2. Lotus Learning
3. Foundations, Inc.
4. Edison

#### **School Choice Village**

5. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian Academy
6. Black Alliance for Educational Options
7. Carson Valley School
8. *CBWC Excel Academy*
9. Christian Homeschooling Association of Pennsylvania
10. Mercersburg Academy
11. New Media Technology Charter
12. Influence

#### **Parent Involvement Organizations Village**

13. Parent Education Network
14. Parents Anonymous of PA
15. Women's Institute for Family Health
16. Impact Services Corporation
17. Parents as Teachers (PAT)
18. Urban Family Council
19. Consortium for Parent Information and Education (CPIE)
20. Diversified Community Services Point Breeze Family Support Center
21. Statewide Parent Advisory Network (SPAN)
22. DHS Parenting Program
23. MOCS Fatherhood Initiative Program

#### **School & Community Support Village**

24. Child Care Information Services
25. Philadelphia Notebook
26. Resources for Children's Health
27. Center for Intergenerational Learning – “Grandma's Kids”
28. Mental Health Association of Southeast Pennsylvania
29. Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Support, Inc.
30. Primeria Financial Services
31. New York Life
32. North Philadelphia YMCA Head Start
33. Congreso de Latinos Unidos
34. Germantown Settlement

35. Job Corps
36. Salvation Army
37. Franklin Institute
38. Afterschool All-Stars
39. LATINArt
40. Community Police Interracial Task Force
41. BJ's Wholesale Club
42. Grief Assistance Program
43. AmeriChoice of PA
44. First Response Medical & Vision Quest Emergency Medical
45. AmeriPlan
46. Drugs Are A Losing Game
47. Houston Community Center
48. EPIC Stakeholders Group

#### **Free Tutoring/Supplemental Service Providers**

49. Huntington Learning Center
50. Education Station, A Sylvan Partnership
51. The Walt Whitman / BizArts Program
52. EducationWorks
53. Princeton Review
54. Club Z! In-Home Tutoring
55. Data Friendly
56. Stay On Top Tutoring
57. Philadelphia Reads
58. Science with Me
59. African American Puzzles Plus
60. Franklin Institute
61. The Preschool Project
62. Get Ready: Henderson & Houston, Inc.
63. Learning Incorporated
64. Hope Worldwide
65. Mt. Carmel YET Center
66. Iglesia Del Barrio YET Center
67. Project H.O.M.E. Honickman Learning Centers I, II, and III
68. Christian Stronghold Baptist Church – Creative World Learning YET Center
69. Calvin YET Center
70. Anti-Drug & Alcohol Crusaders
71. NSA Educational Learning YET Center
72. Abiding Truth Ministries YET Center
73. Cathedral of Praise YET Center
74. *Family Life Wholeness YET Center*

75. Gesu School YET Center
76. Greater Exodus Baptist Church YET Center
77. *Rodeph Shalom Kearny YET Center – Kearny School*
78. Philadelphia Mennonite High School YET Center
79. Universal Education Company YET Center
80. *Visitation B.V.M. School YET Center*
81. Ayuda Community Center YET Center
82. *Discovery Charter School YET Center*
83. Holy Temple YET Center
84. *Friendly Friends Baptist YET Center*
85. Value of Blessing After School Program YET Center
86. Beulah Tabernacle YET Center
87. *St. Thomas Aquinas*
88. Children of Promise
89. Bright Hope Baptist Church
90. Beloved St. John Evangelistic Church
91. Divine Changes, Inc.

#### **Other Vendors**

92. Irie Palace
93. Designs By Alexander
94. Linda Reed Jewelry and Watches

#### **PA PIRC Delaware Valley Parent Empowerment Planning Committee**

Felicia Bailey	Eric Grimes	Taj Reid
Bradley L. Baldia	Felicia Harris	Dee Sewell
Keeya Branson-Davis	Lawrence Mensch	Sharie Neal
Ivy Ulrich-Bonk	Michele Doughty	Marty Young

#### **Volunteers**

Robin Anderson  
 Latasha Mikell  
 Latonya Thomas  
 Jason Christopher Pitts  
 Tamara Blackwell